Introduced October 22, 2024, by Councilwoman Haggerty, seconded by Councilman DiSanti, (by request of Administration)

RESOLUTION R24-30

A resolution to request funding for airport improvements at the Slidell Airport and to provide representations and approve ancillary action in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, Title 2 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 provides that cities, towns, parishes, and other political subdivisions of this State may separately or jointly acquire, establish, construct, expand, own, lease, control, equip, improve, maintain, operate, regulate, and police airports and landing fields for the use of aircraft; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, Division of Aviation (formerly the LA DOTD-OAPT) is charged by Title 2 with the responsibility for the development of aviation facilities within the State to foster air commerce and to safeguard the interests of those engaged in all phases of the aviation industry and of the general public; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Slidell, hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor," has completed an FAA and DOTD approved Master Plan, Action Plan, and/or Airport Layout Plan which outlines the specific future development of the Slidell Airport; and, the Sponsor is desirous of implementing a portion of the approved Plan recommendations which provide for the critically needed improvements as stated below to substantially improve the safety and usability of the Airport, but does not have sufficient funds of its own required for completing all the needed improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation is authorized by Title 2 to expend funds for the construction or enlargement of airports for the safety and advancement of aeronautics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, as the governing authority for the Sponsor, in legal session convened, as follows:

SECTION I

That the Sponsor does hereby formally request that the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation provide funds required to complete the airport improvements at the Slidell Airport specifically as described in the Capital Improvement Program Application summary sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION II

That the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation be and is hereby assured that all necessary servitudes, rights-of-way, rights of ingress and egress and means thereof will be furnished by the Sponsor and the titles thereto will be valid and indefeasible, and that the Sponsor will assume ownership or control, financial reporting, and complete responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the airport after completion of said improvement.

SECTION III

That the Sponsor will save and hold the said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, and employees harmless from any liability or claim for damages arising out of the project, including death or injuries to third parties, including, but not limited to, liability or claim for damages out of the negligence of said LA DOTD, Division of Aviation, its officers, agents, or employees, and expressly agrees to defend any suit of any nature brought against the LA DOTD, Division of Aviation as a result of this project.

SECTION IV

That the Mayor of the Sponsor be and is hereby authorized and directed to evidence this agreement by affixing his signature at the place provided therefore on this resolution and on subsequent related documents/agreements as required by the rules and regulations of the Federal Aviation Administration and the State of Louisiana, any such prior signatures

being ratified, and the Council Administrator is hereby authorized to attest said execution as required.

SECTION V

That this resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption.

The Slidell City Council met in regular session on October 22, 2024, and the aforesaid resolution, having been submitted to a vote, was voted upon as follows:

YEAS: 9 NAYS:0 ABSENT:0

WHEREUPON, the resolution was declared adopted on the 22nd day of October, 2024.

Megan Haggerty
President of the Council
Council Member, District C

CITY OF SLIDELL

BY: _____
George G. Cromer, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Thomas P. Reeves, Council Administrator